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County EMA director presents alarming COVID-19 numbers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County EMA director James Brown presented alarming numbers regarding the COVID-19 pandemic Monday morning, Dec. 14, during the Coffee County Commission meeting.

Brown said the state, as of Monday's report, was seeing around 2,800 new cases daily of COVID-19, and Coffee County alone had added 480 new cases in the past two weeks. He said Coffee County was reporting around 21 new cases per day two weeks ago, but Brown said that had escalated to around 35 new cases per day currently.

"This means 16 percent of all cases [in Coffee County] since March have happened in the last two weeks," Brown said.

He said hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients also continue to break new records in the state. On

Coffee County's residential garbage service to run normal schedule during holidays

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Dec. 14, Coffee County Environmental Services director Mike Thornton noted that all residential garbage collection services would "run as normal" over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

He said the county's garbage trucks would run the regular Monday - Thursday routes next week and the following week [over the holidays].

Also, during the meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to renew the county's contract with county administrator Rod Morgan for an additional four years. Commissioner Kim Ellis made the motion to renew the contract for four years, and he said the details were discussed in a recent work session.

Monday, Brown said there were 2,248 people in the hospitals statewide. He said the previous high for hospitalizations was in August at 1,613 people hospitalized.

"To give you an idea of how rapidly this has increased," Brown said. "On 1 November, there were 973 Alabama citizens hospitalized due to COVID. Now, we have 2,248 people in the hospitals with COVID."

Brown said the unprecedented numbers of COVID cases in Alabama have led him to make stronger recommendations than previously for the safety of all.

"We as a community need to act now before things get any worse," he said. "ADPH and the CDC have, for months now, have recom-

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Coffee County Board of Education members Brian McLeod (District One) and Sherry Eddins (District Seven) were sworn-in to office Thursday night, Dec. 10, prior to the start of the board's regular monthly meeting. McLeod enters his second 6-year term on the board while this is Eddins first term. Holding the District 7 seat prior to Mrs. Eddins was her husband, Larry Eddins. The oath of office was administered by 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Shannon Clark (left). Also pictured (standing in between Eddins and McLeod) is a young family member of Mrs. Eddins - he wanted to observe closely the swearing-in procedure. In the photo, Judge Clark is congratulating both members on their elections and thanking them for their service just prior to administering the oaths.

CCBOE members gather for monthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday evening, Dec. 10, Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth provided an update on the system's COVID-19 numbers and praised the faculty and administrators at the schools for a job well-done in getting the schools through the pandemic thus far.

Between Tuesday, Dec. 1, Tuesday, Dec. 8, Killingsworth said the school system had seven new confirmed cases of COVID-19 added to its overall total since the start of the school year. He said that brought the total to 79 cases within the Coffee County School System since Aug. 10th.

Of the seven new cases, Killingsworth said two were students at Zion Chapel, along with one student case and one faculty case at New Brockton Elementary School, one student case and one faculty case at New Brockton High School, and one student case at Kinston.

"I realize the COVID pandemic is stressful on

The Coffee County BOE members approved the following schedule of meetings for 2021:

Feb. 4; March 4;
April 8; May 4; June 3;
July 8; Aug. 5; Sept. 2;
Oct. 7; Nov. 4; Dec. 9.

All meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted ahead of the meeting.

everyone and complying with all the protocols for an extended period of time is only adding to stress levels, however, it is done with everyone's health/safety in mind," Killingsworth said. "Coffee County Schools will continue to follow the CDC/ADPH guidelines in our schools."

He said the school sys-

tem began the school year in August with 21 percent of students attending virtually; however, as of last week's meeting, he said only 7 percent of students remained virtual with 93 percent overall attending school in person.

"I think it is phenomenal that we've made it to the end of the first semester, considering what we've had to deal with this year," Killingsworth said. "There is still a long way to go until May, but our people have done an exceptional job up until this point."

Upon request of the superintendent, the board approved allowing him to place a 2008 model school bus on GovDeals for sale

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Elba Police Chief provides safety warnings for Christmas season

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday night, Dec. 14, Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey encouraged citizens to practice several safety measures during the holiday season.

"I just wanted to offer a few reminders about keeping your doors and vehicles locked, and keeping packages out of sight during the holidays," Hussey said.

The chief said it is imperative to always lock vehicles, especially during the holiday season. Also, he said when out and about be sure to have keys already in hand

when you are approaching your vehicle.

"If you notice someone lurking around your vehicle and you feel uncomfortable about it, simply turn around and go back," Hussey said. "Obviously, it is better to take a family member or buddy with you shopping as well rather than go alone, especially if you are shopping after dark."

The chief encouraged not pulling a large amount of cash out of a wallet when paying at stores. He said whether one realizes it or not, there is most likely someone watching this and looking to prey upon the unsuspecting person.

"Always beware of strangers approaching you and beware of people wanting donations at this time of year - make sure those asking for donations are from a legit organization," Hussey said. "Please, never allow your young aged children to go to a bathroom or the vehicle unattended."

At home, the chief encouraged citizens to keep their gifts out of sight of windows. He said thieves will look into open win-

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Specialist Cedric Benton is shown competing in the Alabama Army National Guard's recent Best Warrior Competition. His performance in this event earned him the distinction of being in the Top One Percent of Soldiers in the Alabama Army National Guard.

Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. William Frye

Former Elba Tiger turns top-notch soldier for National Guard

Former Elba Tiger, Specialist Cedric Benton, turned Alabama Army National Guard Soldier, recently competed in the Alabama Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition.

SPC Benton was selected as the 117th Field Artillery (Battalion) and then the

62nd Troop Command (Brigade) representative for this competition. He competed against other Brigade Best Warriors in several events over a five-day period.

The soldiers were graded on their completion of tasks, such as a written essay (general Army knowledge), day/

night land navigation, 12-mile ruck march, 8-mile combat run, Army combat fitness test, stress shoot, call for fire, obstacle course, rifle/pistol qualification, as well as an appearance board where each soldier was asked questions pertaining to Army knowledge by their superiors.

SPC Benton's performance earned him the distinction of the Top One Percent of Soldiers in the Alabama Army National Guard.

Benton graduated from Elba High School in 2018, where basketball coach William Moguel said he was a joy to be around.

"Cedric is an outstanding young man who works very hard and strives to succeed in everything he does," Moguel said.

Elba High School assistant principal Jason Tucker concurred with Coach Moguel, saying Benton is an outstanding young man, and he is not at all surprised to hear Benton is seeing success in life.

"Cedric participated in a wide range of extracurricular activities in high school, not only athletics, but show choir," Tucker said. "He was a leader among his peers and a joy to teach. A very positive and hardworking guy. I am proud of him!"



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER...From City Clerk to Christmas Elf, Trixie Sugarplum Bane [aka Sally Bane] was spreading joy Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Elba City Hall. Trixie said the folks at Elba City Hall hope all have a Merry Christmas, and they encourage all to "Shop Elba" for those holiday gifts!

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas. Stand-by crews will be on call to assist customers with any utility emergencies. For utility emergencies during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, in observance of New Year's Day. Standby crews will be on call to assist with any utility emergencies. For utility emergencies during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do." —Isaac Asimov, Science Fiction Writer

We have had only one e-mail pointing out our error in the Roosevelt quote following the 1941 WWII Pearl Harbor attack in last week's Brainstorms. The mistake jumped out like a sore thumb AFTER the paper was printed, but alas that is too late. As we noted to our alert writer, we can't be sure we typed that word or if the computer spell-check tried to correct some typo we did make but . . . regardless it was our mistake to eat. The correct wording is "A day that will live in infamy". The president's speech writers originally wrote in their first draft of that prepared speech "world history" but the 'man' marked that out and penciled in "infamy" before delivering the speech to Congress. Frankly that made a much better line to quote all these years later. We tried to mess it up by substituting "infinity" . . . rats!

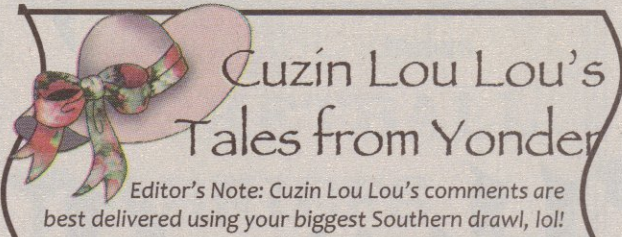
One of the latest con games going around is a contact from "Social Security" offering you a COVID-19 shot but you first have to give them a bunch of personal information, SS number, bank account number, Medicare or Medicaid card information. Folks please don't get conned in this deal. Social Security Administration is not going to be calling you about the virus shots! And anytime they contact you about anything, they already have your SS number, date of birth, etc.

Auburn has fired football Coach Gus Malzahn. Here we are right in the middle of a world pandemic, long unemployment lines, extra federal benefits up in the air, etc. and BAM!, another firing with no two-week notice and with only a \$21 million check to 'carry him over'! Now we doubt that many Auburn fans are crying over this firing. For several years there have been rumblings from War Eagle fans who wanted a coaching change. Well now they have it.

Over 50 lawsuits have been filed, and dismissed, in courts around the nation challenging various things relating to the recent national elections. Most of us never win all our choices during any election. Personally, we are excited with a 50% plus success rate in our voting on Election Day. Also, any of us who is being honest will admit that it is on not unheard of for us voters to later regret some of those votes that we did cast. All that above is groundwork for our urgent plea that Americans all accept that the election is over, Joe Biden will be the new president, etc. Also remember that regardless of how much any of us worry about the long-time impact of the election of any one person (or party), Americans, and our way of life, have always survived 'to fight another day.'

Oh, we WILL take the shot(s) when offered to us regular folks. While needles are not on our 'love list', it is that or chance searching for an empty hospital bed or . . . worse. We opt for the shots. Hope you make the same choice in what could be a life altering decision. A nephew in Atlanta now has two of his children down with this 'bug' — a college son and younger daughter. That is getting closer to home, however, at this point they are in lockdown at home trying to wear out the bug attack and we wish them the best of luck.

Be Safe . . . wash your hands, wear your mask every



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

One of Cuzin Lou Lou's rowdy friends dropped by to see her last week, and he had an intriguing story for Lou Lou.

First question from 'ole pal was, "Why hasn't Lou Lou written anything about the corn stalk growing in the middle of the road construction in town?"

Well...the answer was simple. Lou Lou had not idea what 'ole pal was talking about, and she quickly admitted to it. He acted a bit shocked, but truthfully, Lou Lou thinks he was a bit pleased to have noticed something in Yonder that practically no one else had noticed.

Intrigued...Lou Lou questioned 'ole pal for more information. And, then she took off a bit later to see if 'ole pal really knew what he was talking about or not...he was on target with this one!

So, here's the story... have you noticed it on your travels through yonder?

As the big highway project has been progressing here in Yonder, at the intersection of 203/87, in the median area [right up by the road] in one spot grows a corn stalk. Said corn stalk is looking rather puny these days; however, 'ole pal says first noticed it way back in March and has been watching it ever since!

Single, lonely corn stalk never grew any corn, but it has remained a staple of the intersection for months, according to 'ole pal. He said as the road project has progressed over the months, he many times

thought, "well, the corn stalk will for sure be gone now." Yet, it has remained each and every time!

Ole pal is convinced the construction crews are intentionally leaving said corn stalk alone now, just to see how long it will remain on sight.

After checking it out herself, and confirming the corn stalk is there, Lou Lou may tend to agree with 'ole pal. She can just see him beaming with glee now after reading this admission from Lou Lou!!

Lou Lou had hoped to catch some of the construction crew members around 'the spot' this week to question them as to whether or not they truly are avoiding knocking it down on purpose; but, the work has been quiet in that section this week.

So, now Lou Lou is leaving up to you her fellow Yonder pals to see if you too can spot the corn stalk [and help keep an eye on exactly how long it remains there]. The tale of the Yonder Corn Stalk promises to continue.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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ELBA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR...On Monday, Dec. 14, Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker (left) bestowed the Firefighter of the Year award for his department to Mark Kelley (right). Parker said Kelley's dedicated service to his community earned him the honor this year.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, and Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Dec. 8 — Criminal mischief reported at 1317 County Rd 409 (3:39 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 620 N Troy Hwy (8:15 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1883 Hickman Ave (8:31 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1770 Hickman Ave (8:44 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1150 Claxton Ave (1:00 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 145 Tiger Dr (5:52 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1041 Hickman Ave (6:38 p.m.); Harassment reported at 627 Lee St (8:19 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1041 Hickman Ave (9:59 p.m.). There were four traffic stops reported on this date with two verbal warnings, one citation, and one written warning issued.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 — Animal complaint reported at 267 County Rd 354 (8:24 a.m.); Missing per-

son reported on Putnam St (11:27 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 203 (7:47 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 320 Old Samson Rd (10:05 p.m.); Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd (10:27 p.m.). There were five traffic stops reported on this date with two verbal warnings issued, one warrant confirmed, and two no action taken.

Thursday, Dec. 10 — Theft of property reported at 132 Plant Ave (4:27 a.m.); Fight reported at 2551 Hickman Ave (4:51 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 997 Winston Ave (3:18 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 128 County Rd 407 (3:33 p.m.); Prowler reported on Williams Ave (10:45 p.m.).

Friday, Dec. 11 — Trespassing reported at 1566 Seminole Circle (1:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 211 Plant Ave (8:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 391 Brunson Circle (10:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 703 Plant Ave S (11:43 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1052 Sunset Blvd (2:04 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 409 County Rd 432 (2:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:52 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Reynolds Ave (11:24 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date with three citations issued, one verbal warning, and one no action taken.

Saturday, Dec. 12 — Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St, Apt C-1 (8:36 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St, Apt C-1 (5:01 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date with three citations issued, one advice given, one no action taken, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Dec. 13 — Reckless driver reported in area of County Rd 507 and Hwy 84 (12:12 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 401 E Davis St (12:41 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Hwy 87 (2:09 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 207 Adkinson Ave (3:06 p.m.); Livestock in the roadway reported at 4675 Hwy 84 (3:17 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 664 Reynolds Ave (7:34 p.m.). There were three traffic stops reported on this date with two verbal warnings, and one citation issued.

Monday, Dec. 14 — Suspicious circumstances reported in area of Reynolds Ave and Martin Luther King Dr (1:26 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:29 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1061 Morrow Ave (7:41 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 475 S Williams Ave (12:27 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 2514 Old Curtis Rd (4:33 p.m.); Intoxicated driver reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:31 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 N Claxton Ave (11:39 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with a warning issued on each.



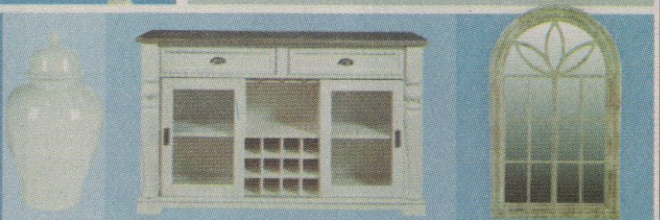
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ommended actions for various levels of transmission. We all know the 'Big 3' — Wear Masks, Wash Your Hands, and Social Distance."

However, Brown said there are other recommendations these agencies make when the virus is at the high level of community transmission in which Coffee County [and the state] is seeing.

"We have to do something and take personal responsibility," Brown said. "Today, I am going to be the Grinch here and tell you what the CDC and ADPH suggest when we are at the level we are currently with the COVID-19 virus."

He said it is suggested that citizens limit their out-of-state travel, avoid groups of 20 or more people, get take-out rather than dine-in at restaurants, and [if possible] to hold worship services online rather than in-person.

"Yes, some of these are controversial, but they are recommendations that

could lower the high rate of transmission we are seeing right now," Brown said. "Also, these recommendations could give some relief to our hospitals by lowering the amount of COVID cases for them."

He said Dr. Don Williamson, president of the Alabama Hospital Association, has said, "We can always find more beds but need far more nurses. The challenge is nurses — we always need more nurses."

Brown said Williamson further stated, "With nothing clearly out there to break the ongoing cycle, frankly, I think January has the potential of being an absolute disaster."

Brown said none of these stricter recommendations are mandatory, and there is no enforcement mechanism for them.

"We are depending on your good nature and willingness to help your neighbors and practice these recommendations," he said.

CCBOE

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as surplus. He said this bus was discovered by the system's mechanics to have a problem during a recent inspection that most likely would not pass a state inspection; therefore, he requested selling the bus.

The board also approved two personnel matters recommended by Killingsworth. Under certificated personnel, the board granted a leave request for Heather Deal,

a teacher at Zion Chapel from Jan. 24th until approximately March 8th. As for classified personnel, the board approved the hire of Theresa Carr as a bus driver for Coffee County Schools.

The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. There will be no regular meeting in January; however, the board could call a special meeting if needed.

WARN

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dows searching for items to steal. Also, he suggested to not leave packages being delivered to your home on the front porch or by the front door for a lengthy amount of time. He said this is another easy way for others to steal from you.

"If you are having a package delivered and can't be home to get it, have a neighbor grab it for you or have it delivered to your place of work instead," Hussey said.

After Christmas, the chief said to not place the empty boxes of high-dollar gifts out by the road in a manner where it is recognizable.

"You are just advertising

to a thief if you do this," Hussey said.

Also, the chief said if someone comes to the door that the resident does not recognize, he encourages the resident to never open the door to someone they do not know. Instead, he said to communicate with that person through the door and to ask for identification. He said if the person is legit, he/she should have no problem supplying proper identification to the resident.

"We just want everyone to be safe and have a Merry Christmas," Chief Hussey said. "We are here to serve if needed, however."

Mark Davis recognized by National Register of Emergency Medical Technicians for 30 years of consecutive National EMS Certification

Mark William Davis, of Elba, Ala., a paramedic currently employed with the Department of Army at Ft Rucker, Alabama and having previously served 12 years with the Elba Volunteer Rescue Squad, was recently recognized by the "National Register of Emergency Medical Technicians" for achieving 30 consecutive years of National EMS Certification. This distinction is an honor held by few EMS professionals.

By maintaining his National EMS Certification and completing regular continuing education courses, Davis has demonstrated his commitment to providing exceptional prehospital emergency medical care. He was nationally registered in

1990 as a paramedic and has been serving the Fort Rucker and surrounding community since that time.

Davis also has served as a certified instructor in various specialties related to prehospital medicine.

His certificate was signed by the Executive Director of the "National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians."



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Obituaries

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BETSY WILSON DISMUKES

Mrs. Betsy Wilson Dismukes, age 84, a resident of the New Hope Community in Coffee County, Ala., died Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Graveside services were held Dec. 11, 2020 at the New Hope Community Cemetery with Rev. Lanny Shepard officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. Those wishing to make memorials, are asked to do so to the New Hope Cemetery Inc., c/o Billy Eagerton, 436 County Road 130, Jack, Alabama 36346.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Samson "Sam" Dismukes, by a beloved granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace Dorriety, as well as by her parents, Grace and Raif Wilson.

Survivors include her son: Raif Eugene "Reed" Dismukes (Eve), Jack, Ala.; daughter: Donna Dismukes Dorriety (Gregory), Fairhope, Ala.; granddaughter: Brittany Elise Watford (Justin), Douglas, Ga., along with their daughter Avery [Betsy was anxiously awaiting the birth of Brittany's second child, a little boy]; grandson: Lt. William Herston Dorriety (Alexandra) II, Yulee, Fla., and their son Jack; granddaughters: Erin Elizabeth Winters (Justin), Fort Knox, Ky., and their children Payson Camille, Conner, and Finn; grandson: Samson Ryan Dismukes (Lexie), Jack, Ala.; sisters: Nan Roth (Ken), Jerrie Stinson, and Ginger Rodgers (Allen), all of Jack.

WILLIAM JACK GOODSON

Mr. William Jack Goodson, age 79, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 10, 2020 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. John McCrummen officiating. Burial followed in the Woodland Grove Community Cemetery.

Jack will be remembered by those who knew him best, as a talented musician. He was inducted in 2015 into the Alabama Steel Guitar Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eddie B. and Charles Armour Goodson.

Survivors include his wife: Martha Goodson, New Brockton; son: Brent Goodson, Elba; granddaughter: Emma Kate Goodson, Elba; brothers: Roger (Shirley) Goodson,

and Hugh (Edrie) Goodson, both of New Brockton; step-daughter: Angela (Doyle) Sellers, Cottonwood, Ala.; step-son: Pary Sumlar, Ozark; and four step grandchildren.

RUDOLPH KYLES

Mr. Rudolph Kyles, age 65, a lifelong resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at Enterprise Medical Center in Enterprise, Ala. He was born Tuesday, May 16, 1955, in Coffee County to Mary Lee Kyles and the late Leroy Waters Sr. He was the third of his mother's seven children.

Rudolph attended school at the Mulberry Colored School. He met and married Mary Tyson, and together they were often referred to as a modern-day "Bonnie and Clyde." They stuck together through good and bad times. They shared over thirty years of love and laughter.

Although Rudolph had no biological children, his passion for children transcended down through the years. This love led him and Mary to adopt two young ladies for whom they would do anything.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14, 2020 from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Elder W K Ellison officiating. Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

Rudolph was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Sr.; grandparents, Shorty and Bessie Kyles, John Henry and Catherine Waters; his brother, Anthony Waters; and his sister, Janet Denise Lockett.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Tyson-Kyles, mother and step-father: Mary and Eugene Brown, and step-mother-in-law: Martha T. Waters, all of Elba; his daughters: Paris and Natlie, one step-son: Rico (Rosaly) Cooks, three

step-daughters: Evangelist Rita (Martin) Gray, Lasalle Cooks, and Mary Jane Beechman, all of Elba; five siblings: Evangelist Mary K. Jones, Elba, Elder John Earl (Gloria) Kyles, Enterprise, Tommy Kyles, Augusta, Ga., Johnny Lockett Jr., and Charlene (Demier) Phillips, both of Elba; one step-brother: Lindale (Laura) Brown, Huntsville, Ala.; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and a host of brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

SUSAN CAULEY SIMS

Mrs. Susan Cauley Sims, age 52, a resident of the Damascus community of Coffee County, Ala., died Wednesday, December 9, 2020,



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Can a Cemetery Run Out of Space?

The basic purpose of a cemetery is pretty straightforward. Simply put, a cemetery exists to provide space where the dead can be buried, and where family members can gather in mourning, tribute, and remembrance. It stands to reason, though, that eventually, a cemetery might run out of space—and what happens then?

First, a cemetery that's run out of space will stop selling grave plots. You don't have to worry about buying a burial plot and later being told there's no room. If a cemetery sells you a space, it's because they have that space accounted for.

As a cemetery reaches the point where remaining space is limited, there are a few things that can be done to provide just a few further options. For one thing, mausoleums can be built, where the cemetery can sell niches for cremated remains. This allows the cemetery to maximize their use of the space left to them. Similarly, the cemetery can designate some of its remaining land as an urn garden.

Beyond that, the cemetery may have to stop selling new space and simply focus on maintaining the burial sites it currently has. In some cases, the cemetery may actually abandon the area and leave it to the individual families of the deceased to maintain, but this is pretty uncommon.

The bottom line: Cemeteries can run out of space, but there are safeguards in place to ensure families are taken care of in all contingencies. To learn more about any of this, you're always welcome to reach out to your local funeral home director.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at

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at her residence.

Graveside services were held Dec. 12, 2020 at Consolation Cemetery with Rev. Charles Jones officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Survivors include her daughter: Amber Burkett (Earl), Kinston, Ala.; sons: Brandon Sims (Ashlee), Silver Springs, Fla., and Johnathon Sims (Samantha), Ozark, Ala.; spouse: Joe Scott, Enterprise, Ala.; parents: Carolyn Sue Cauley and John Roland Cauley, along with her sisters: Donna Coppage, and Betty Dueitt, and brother: Buddy Cauley, all of Elba. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

SUMMER PARKER TANKERSLEY

Mrs. Summer Parker Tankersley, age 31, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held Dec. 13, 2020 at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery with Rev. Hubert McWaters officiating and Anna Miller Anderson provided the eulogy. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Gary Parker; along with her maternal grandfather, Hubert Hattaway.

Survivors include her spouse: Kyle Tankersley, a daughter: Libby Grace Tankersley; her father: Gregory Parker, and paternal grandmother: Alene Parker, all of Elba; her mother: Suzanne Hattaway Parker, and maternal grandmother, Jo Ann Hattaway, both of Opp, Ala.

BILLY HERON DONALDSON

Mr. Billy Heron Donaldson, age 78, a lifelong resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Flowers Hospital due to complications of the COVID-19 virus.

Graveside services were held Dec. 15, 2020 at Evergreen Cemetery. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested that memorials be made to the Evergreen Cemetery



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CHURCH NEWS & PUBLIC NOTICES



Santa Claus will be at Elba United Methodist Church

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Under the Education Building Portico

Children can ask their parents to drive through. This will be a safe way for children to visit with Santa!

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Newbia Baptist Church to hold outdoor Cantata on Dec. 20th

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, Ala., will be having its Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Cantata will consist of singing Christmas carols around the Nativity Scene outdoors at the Church. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, warm

cider, finger foods and Christmas sweets for all.

Everyone is invited and will feel welcome.

Additionally, on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m., Newbia will host a Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m., including a candlelight service. Again, all are welcome.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly. Psalm 1: 1-6

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Annie J. Caldwell, Barbara M. Stephen, Dea. J.L. and Sis. Estella Williams, Rose R. Coleman, Vernon and Louise Harris, Donald Smith, James E. Fitch, Alex Hutchinson, Jalen Fitch

Are we giving only because others are giving? Are we pretending that we're giving a sacrificial gift, while actually contributing from our overflow? Although our names may never make it into a fraud report, the 'fraud' label might nevertheless apply. — M.T.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 12/10/20

Fill in the Blank
Q: Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a _____ than for a rich man to enter into the _____ of God.

A: needle; kingdom [Mark 10: 25]

Q: John the Baptist preached that the _____ of _____ was at hand (or near).

A: kingdom; God [Matthew 3: 2]

Thought to Remember

Love is not what it says but what it does

Questions for the Week of 12/17/20

True or False

Q: Jesus used an illustration about a man who built a tower and did not count the cost.

Q: Gabriel told Mary that Elizabeth was going to have a child also.

Q: Zacchaeus pledged to give to the poor, half of his goods.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church News is due on Mondays

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Philip Box, Minister
Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba

Have A Scripture Tree Christmas!

There is a very unique site on the Internet called "The Scripture Tree." It contains a card with a Christmas tree complete with various Scriptures and music.

This writer wishes all who read this blog, not only the above blessing, but also a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

But, What's so Merry about Christmas? Was Scrooge right about Christmas? Is there simply too much "Bah Humbug" in the world? We have all been told about the stress and related disorders that are associated with the holiday season.

I am going to do it! I am going to proudly declare that I am a believer and that Jesus is the Reason for the Season! I will say "Merry Christmas".

You and I look at the manger scenes with Mary and Joseph; the sleeping baby; shepherds, animals, angels. All of it is so meaningful and beautiful to us. In fact, even the world knows about these things. People who aren't regulars at worship services usually attend services around Christmas. All well and good. We like that. We sing Silent Night, Holy Night.

We also proclaim that the birth of Christ is so much more than the manger scene...it is the beginning of God's entrance into the human family experience. It is the willingness of God to expose Himself to the total vulnerability of being human which is at the heart of the incarnation.

He is God made flesh (John 1:14; cf. Philippians 2:5-8). What does that mean to us?

The sinfulness of man and all its ramifications will now be brought out in a clear picture of a God/man who was sinless (1 Peter 2:21-22; cf. Isaiah 53:9; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 John 3:5). All of our weaknesses and inability to obey God's purposes will now be made clear.

This birth will lead to the only solution for mankind... the Cross (1 Corinthians 2:1-2). We cannot view His birth without looking at the cross. That's the real reason for the season!

May all the blessings of this season be with you and yours, knowing that these blessings may be found only in Him (Ephesians 1:3).



PUBLIC NOTICES:

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COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

The Coffee County Board of Education's FY2020 Accountability Reports are available for public view. The available reports are (1) Financial Report, (2) School Safety and Discipline Report and (3) Student Achievement Report. The Financial Report and the School Safety and Discipline Report are accessible at the Board's Central Office, 400 Reddick Hill Road, Elba, as well as, at each of our schools. The reports may also be viewed via the district's website, www.coffeecountyschools.org. The Student Achievement Report may be accessed at the ALSDE's website (www.alsde.edu) under the Data Center, Assessment Reports. 12/17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FOY BELCHER BENNIE ARNETTE, An incapacitated person

PC 2017-083

PC 2020-022

NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that Petitioner, the Coffee County Conservator, has filed a Petition for settlement of the said Estate, and that the

7th day of January 2021 at 9:00 a.m. has been set for a hearing on the same in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS THE 11th day of DECEMBER, 2020.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate

12-17,24,31-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES PARKER BOWDOIN Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2020-073

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Jim Parker Bowdoin on the 10th day of December 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10th day of December 2020.

Jim Parker Bowdoin

Personal Representative 12/17,24,31-pd

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Estella Lawrence 12/1
Roderick Williams 12/2 (in memory)
Derrick Brooks 12/4
Calvin Carpenter 12/5
Anita A. Funderburk 12/5 (in memory)
Gladys Yelverton 12/8
Omega Knight 12/8
Clara Wright 12/10
Vernette Purvis 12/10
Anthony C. Kelley 12/11
Steve Germany 12/11
Asya L. Smedley 12/12
Ashley R. Smedley 12/12
Allison Gavin 12/18

Fraud Reports

Forbes magazine quoted the study status of Global Mission 2013 that reported a staggering amount of embezzlement fraud among church-goers. One line item "Ecclesiastical Crime" projected losses of \$37 billion worldwide. Another \$8 billion was lost due to mismanagement of funds. The study contrasts these amounts with the \$32 billion it says was given to mission work the same year.

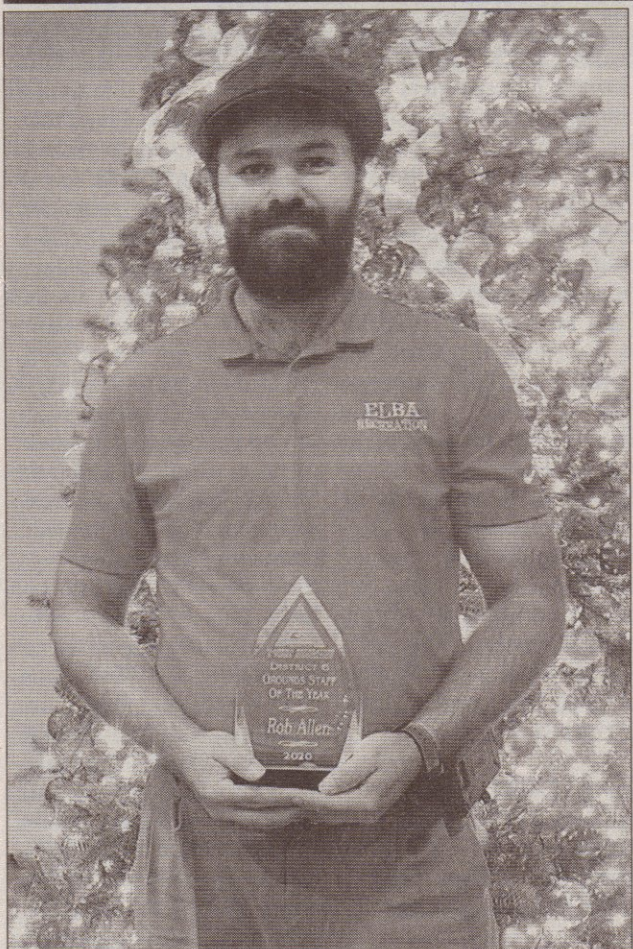
Ananias and Sapphira may have been the first believers to commit financial fraud in the church, but clearly there were not the last. These reports do not document the effect on the individuals who commit these crimes. Their dishonesty or desperation has damaged their souls, and that fact leads us to look at our own attitudes toward the money we give to the church.

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL A.M. CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rennin Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Anderson, Int. Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adeok, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Ben Posey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WOOD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Kevin Byrd, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS COGIC James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES



ELBA PARKS AND REC EMPLOYEE RECEIVES DISTRICT AWARD...The Elba Parks and Recreation celebrates this week celebrates and honor bestowed upon one of its employees. Rob Allen of the Elba Parks and Rec Department has been awarded the "Grounds Staff of the Year" award for the Alabama Parks and Recreation's District 6 (comprised of 10 counties in Southeast Alabama). Elba Parks and Recreation director Greg Hanchey nominated Allen for this award, and he said Allen is a very dedicated and dependable employee. He said Allen has worked for the Elba Parks and Recreation for 2 1/2 years now and has only missed one day of work due to sickness. Hanchey said Allen is very deserving of the award, and he congratulated him on receiving it.

Elba City Council rescinds on resolution and approves another regarding demo of homes in FEMA flood buyout program

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council voted to rescind a resolution Monday evening, Dec. 14, during its regular meeting. That resolution had been approved during the Nov. 30th meeting, but the city had since learned of an issue with it, according to Mayor Tom Maddox.

Resolution 11302020 awarded a bid to Harrison Earth Movers as the contractor to help the city with demolition of houses purchased via the FEMA flood buyout project. However, during the Dec. 14th meeting, it had been discovered that Harrison Earth Movers is not a certified general contractor, and projects costing over a \$50,000 threshold require a certified contractor to complete the work, according to an explanation given to council members.

City attorney Bart Boothe said the city had realized that FEMA looks at the project as one whole overall project, which would cost more than \$50,000. He said until this realization, the city had been looking incorrectly at the overall project as several small projects.

Upon this realization, Boothe said the city cannot

not violate that \$50,000 project threshold otherwise it would risk potentially not getting reimbursed for demolitions costs from the buyout project.

With project timelines also in play, the council voted to approve Resolution 12142020A, which would rescind Resolution 11302020 and reject the bid submitted by Harrison Earth Movers due to that company not meeting contractor specifications required by FEMA. A motion to rescind and reject approved by unanimous vote of the council.

Next, the council approved Resolution 12142020B to award the demolition bid for the ongoing FEMA project to McClain Contracting, the next low bidder from the original advertisement for bids on the project. Boothe assured council members that McClain Contracting does meet the general contractor specifications required for the overall project.

The bid submitted by McClain was at a demolition cost of \$7.75 per square foot on homes with no asbestos and \$9 per square foot on homes found to have asbestos.

Regarding other ongoing city projects, city clerk Sally Bane said the new 'after daylight' garbage pickup schedule for the city seems to be going very well for the street department. She said city hall is receiving less complaints about the garbage truck, and records already show a decrease in overtime.

She said water meter replacements should be completed entirely by the end of December, and she added that the electric department had replaced 253 electric meters as of Monday with another 600 on site already to be replaced. Bane said the electric meter replacement would resume this week after employees finished reading meters for the current billing cycle.

As for the ongoing sewer project, the city clerk said crew handling the camera/video process were halted this week after an employee on that contractor's crew tested positive for COVID. She said the contractor shut down for the week to try and head off any spread of the virus with that crew.

Bane said sewer lateral installation was continuing this week in Area 8 - Smith Avenue and River Street. Also, she added that the contractor's dig crews are anticipated to move into the downtown area in January, and lining work would start in January too.

The council voted to approve the payment of bills totaling \$223,584.13 after a short review.

Birthday Girl!!



Irene Hodge celebrated her 90th Birthday this week! She turned 90-years-young on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. Irene is a Coffee County resident [Elba, Ala].

The Elba Senior Citizens Center will be closed - not delivering meals - from Dec. 24th through Jan. 1st.

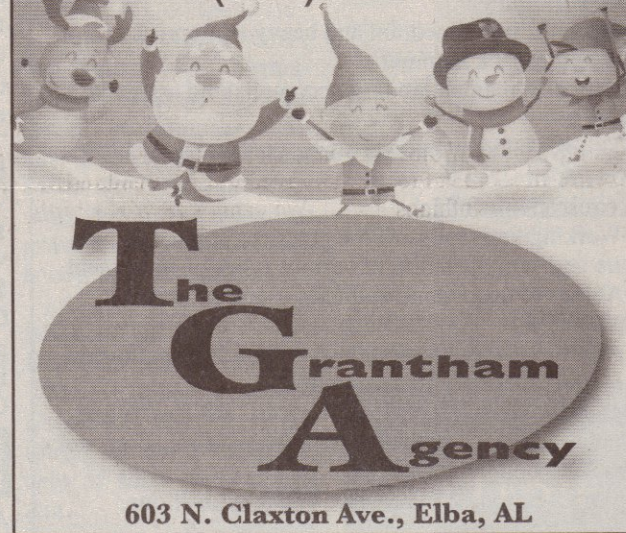
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Extension office announces row crops short course is online

Preparations for the upcoming growing season will not need to be put on hold during the pandemic.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Auburn University College of Agriculture's department of crop, soil and environmental sciences are partnering to bring the annual row crops short course to producers everywhere—on their own time. Available as of Monday, Dec. 14, the topics run the gamut from weed control and market outlooks to farmer panels.

Audrey Gamble, an Alabama Extension soil scientist, said the faculty and agents are once again working across production lines to equip farmers with relevant research and information. However, this time there is a twist.

"We are excited to bring farmers the Alabama row crops short course online," said Gamble, who is also an assistant professor in Auburn University's department of crop, soil and environmental science. "As in previous years, we have a top-notch line-up of speakers. COVID will keep us from a traditional, in-person short course, but we are dedicated to equipping our farmers with cutting edge information as they make decisions about the upcoming year."

Topics:

- Weed Control in Xtendflex Soybean
- Connor Ferguson, Mississippi State University
- Cotton Leaf Roll Dwarf Virus Update
- Amanda Scherer, Auburn University
- Crop Market Outlook
- Adam Rabinowitz and Wendiam Sawadgo, both with Auburn University
- Redbanded Stink Bug Management in Soybean

Tyler Towles, Louisiana State University

• Nematode Resistant Cotton Varieties

Kathy Lawrence, Auburn University

• Seed Quality Issues in Peanut

Scott Monfort, University of Georgia

• Herbicide Applications in a World with Dicamba

Greg Kruger, University of Nebraska

• Potassium Management for High-Yielding Cotton

Glen Harris, University of Georgia

• Wild Hog Management

Mark Smith, Auburn University

• Farmer Panel on Cover

Crop Management

Annie Dee, Matt Haney and Myron Johnson

Each video is 10 to 15 minutes long and covers current research on pressing issues affecting Alabama farmers. Gamble said the farmer panel will be a great opportunity for producers to learn more about winter cover management across the state.

Watch the virtual Alabama Row Crops Short Course by visiting <https://csees.auburn.edu/2020-alabama-row-crops-short-course/>.

For questions about the course content, contact Gamble by email at avg0001@auburn.edu.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Daniel K. Stowe to The Citizens Bank, dated June 18, 2010 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 526, Page 893. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse, 101 South Edwards Street, Enterprise, AL 36330, Coffee County, Alabama on January 6, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: LOT 45, BLOCK "A", COURTYARD TOWN-HOME COMMUNITY, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SAME AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 251, OFFICE OF THE PROBATE, ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA. Property Street Address for Informational Purposes: 89 N Courtyard Way Enterprise AL 36330 Said property will be sold "AS IS". NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IS MADE AS TO THE TITLE OF SAID PROPERTY. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes - including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand the rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. **This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.** Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Mortgagee or Transferee Cory Sims ALAW One Independence Plaza, Suite 416 Birmingham, AL 35209 Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee 20-012131 A-4728127 12/10/2020, 12/17/2020, 12/24/2020

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All bids shall be submitted in the Contract Specification book issued by the Engineer. Bids not submitted in the Contract Specification Book will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows and delivered to the Coffee County Commission at 1065 E. McKinnon Street; New Brockton, Alabama, 36351, "300M Gallon Water Storage Tank Project or New Lift Station and Sewer Main Project, CDBG PROJECT NO.: CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101."

All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with the bid documents evidence of a current Alabama General Contractor's License, evidence (with original seal of the State of Alabama) of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing of a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. Bids submitted by a nonresident contractor without these documents included will be rejected. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took our grandson Lawson for his annual visit with Santa over the weekend and even though he is now 10-years-old and they had to speak to each other through a glass partition, I really think he had a good time talking with the jolly old man. The visits will end one year soon, but for now it is an annual trip we all look forward to.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers had a busy week* on the basketball court last week as both teams played four games over the course of five days. The Tigers found the going a little rough as they lost all four games, including two lopsided losses to Houston Academy and Brantley. The Tigers had a number of players back from a year ago and I expected the team to be very competitive, and despite the early-season losses still believe they will log their share of wins. The Lady Tigers had a 2-2 week, but had to be more than a little disappointed they didn't win all four games. The Elba girls have a few kinks to work out, but should be just fine by the time area play tips off.

*** *The high school basketball season is underway*, and while there have been quite a few cancellations, the action has been fun to watch. In boys play, New Brockton grabbed the headlines last week by 'busting the clock' in a 100-44 win over Samson, while Zion Chapel grabbed county bragging rights with a close win over Kinston. Brantley opened its season with two lopsided wins, and just like in football appears to be a state contender. Over with the girls, Brantley may be better than many think and will be a team to watch in the area 1A ranks, while Kinston is solid and should also be an area contender, and New Brockton and Zion Chapel will both just be happy to win a game or two.

*** *If you don't think college sports isn't big business* then look no further than the 10-year contract signed last week by the Southeastern Conference with ESPN/ABC that will bring in over \$3 billion to the SEC and its member schools. The contract will bring in over \$300 million per year into the conference's bank account beginning in 2024, and replace the measly \$55 million per year deal signed years back with CBS. The new pact will make the SEC the 'richest' conference in the nation, ahead of the Big 10, and will add almost \$250 million per year to the conference money vault that in 2019 reported total revenue of \$720.6 million. The new contract should boost the money given to the conference's 14 member schools to over \$60 million per year, and according to one sports source will create three distinct groups in college sports: the Group of Five; the Power Five; and the Power Two (SEC and Big Ten.)

*** *It may be true that one game doesn't make a season*, but up at Auburn it seems that one game can make a coach, especially in the case of current head football coach Gus Malzahn. The Auburn coach that seems to always be on the hot seat is in the third year of a seven-year, \$49 million contract and this year will take home a cool \$6, 927, 589, making him the seventh highest paid coach in college football. While his career record at Auburn is impressive at 76-38, the fact he has defeated cross-state rival Alabama three times is the only reason is still the head man up on the plains. Okay, I'll admit his record at Auburn isn't anything to get really upset about. However, over the past seven years his teams have lost at least four games each season, are 2-5 in bowl games, have posted a mediocre 32-26 conference record and have claimed only one SEC crown. Oh yea, another reason he is still the head coach may be the fact it would cost \$21 million to get rid of him!

*** *In closing....* As Christmas draws near please remember all the families affected by the virus and those facing other problems. Prayers work wonders!

At Brantley tourney

Lady Tigers win one and lose one

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Brantley Holiday Tournament over the weekend and posted one win and one loss in the five-team event, held at Brantley High School.

Following is a recap of the tourney action:

Elba 49 H.Home 34

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the tournament on Friday afternoon with a solid 49-34 win over the Highland Home Lady Squadron.

Elba's Jaylyn Baker muscled her way inside for eight points in the opening quarter to help the Lady Tigers grab an early 13-8 lead, while Breanna Sanders drained a pair of three-pointers in the second quarter as Elba carried a 27-20 lead into intermission. The Lady Tigers connected on 4 of 6 free throws in the third quarter as the pace slowed. However, they never lost command and connected on 8 of 10 free throws in the final stanza to pull away and claim the 49-34 win.

Breanna Sanders scored 16 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and blocked 5 shots to lead the Lady Tigers, while Jaylyn Baker added 12 points and 13

rebounds, and Makinna Gray added 12 points. Ayden Reese led the Lady Squadron with 15 points.

Elba (49): Sanders 16, Baker 12, M. Gray 12, Edwards 4, Flowers 2, Caldwell 2, J. Gray 1.

H. Home (34): Toles 7, Foster 5, Green 6, June 1, Reese 15.

Greenville 43 Elba 36

The Elba Lady Tigers battled for all four quarters in a hard fought 43-36 loss to 5A Greenville.

Jaylyn Baker scored all eight Elba points in the opening stanza and added six points in the second quarter to keep the Lady Tigers within 21-20 at the half, but Greenville stretched its lead to 29-24 in the third quarter and despite four three-pointers by Breanna Sanders in the final stanza the Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 2-3.

Jaylyn Baker scored 16 points and Breanna Sanders added 15 to lead Elba, while Oliver scored 13 points and Tykia Bennett added 12.

G'ville (43): Ocean 6, Bennett 12, Oliver 13, Swinney 1, Davis 4, Bailey 7.

Elba (36): Baker 16, U. Chism 3, Sanders 15, M. Gray 2.



Elba Lady Tiger Breanna Sanders (in black) fights for a rebound with a Kinston Lady Bulldog during last week's big road win.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Lady Tigers split openers

The Elba Lady Tigers swung back into action after a two-week layoff and split a pair of road games as they defeated cross-county rival Kinston 32-27 and lost to Houston Academy 42-36.

Following are recaps of both games:

Elba 32 Kinston 27

The Elba Lady Tigers had to battle for all four quarters to get past the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 32-27, last Tuesday night, in Kinston.

Elba's Breanna Sanders nailed a three-pointer and scored a total of five points in the first quarter to help the Lady Tigers pull out to a 7-4 lead, while Kinston's Faith Peters scored six points in the second quarter as the Lady Bulldogs pulled within 14-13 at intermission. Jaylyn Baker scored four points and Undreya Chism nailed a three-pointer in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers stretched their lead to 25-19, and Chism added another three-pointer in the final stanza to help Elba hold on and claim the 32-27 win.

Jaylyn Baker scored 13 points and Breanna Sanders added 9 to lead Elba, while Kelsi Cardwell scored 11 points to lead Kinston.

Elba (32): Baker 13, Chism 6, J. Gray 4, Sanders 9.

Kinston (27): Cardwell 11, Musgrove 3, Hall 2, Maddox 3, Peters 6, Green 2.

Houston Acad 42 Elba 36
The Elba Lady Tigers

In Brantley tourney

Tigers lose twice

The Elba Tigers competed in the Brantley Holiday Tournament over the weekend and dropped both games to see their record slip to 0-4 in early-season action.

Following is a recap of the tourney action:

Brantley 71 Elba 36

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 71-36 loss to the Brantley Bulldogs, at the Brantley Holiday Tournament.

Tucker Kilcrease nailed two three-pointers and scored 8 points to help the Bulldogs race out to a 30-6 first quarter lead, while Khaliq Smith added a pair of three-pointers in the second quarter as Brantley carried a 54-20 lead in at intermission. The Tigers, sparked by Alvin Henderson, staged a rally in the third quarter to cut into the deficit, but the Bulldogs never lost command to post the lopsided win.

Byron Burks scored 7 points and Jordan Marek added 6 points to lead Elba, while Khaliq Smith led the Bulldogs with 20 points and Taye Person added 13.

B'ley (71): Edwards 4, Person 13, Dixon 9, Kilcrease 11, Smith 20, Dunn 2, Brown 6, Bush 2, Davis 4.

Elba (36): Hill 5, Burke

Coffee County Lake closed until Feb. 3

The Coffee County Lake is closed to the public for fishing during the months of December, 2020, and January, 2021, to allow for the annual re-stocking of fish and repairs to the dock, restroom and bait shop.

"There will be no fishing allowed at the lake during the two-month period to allow the fish that will be introduced into the lake sufficient time to become acclimated to the lake," said lake manager Ricky Mularz.

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ELBA BASKETBALL
UPDATE:

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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Lady Bulldog Addison Musgrove (4) dribbles upcourt in recent high school basketball action. (Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Elba Tigers drop season openers on the road

The Elba Tigers tipped off their season last week with a pair of regular season road games and came up short on the scoreboard in both contests as they lost to Kinston 61-52 and Houston Academy 84-34.

Following are recaps of both games:

Kinston 61 Elba 52

The Elba Tigers fell behind late in the third quarter and never caught back up as the Kinston Bulldogs pulled away to claim a 61-52 win, last Tuesday night, in Kinston.

Elba came out ready to play in its season opener and pulled out to a 15-9 first quarter lead as John Martin Wilson, Sebastian Thomas and Jacquez Prince all nailed long three-pointers, and the Tigers remained in front throughout the second stanza as Jordan Merrick scored 4 points to lead a balanced attack as Elba carried a 30-22 lead in at intermission.

Kinston's Ayden Wallace and Reese hall sparked a Bulldog rally in the third quarter as the Bulldogs outscored the Tigers 15-6 in the stanza to sneak ahead 37-36 heading into the fourth quarter. The duo of Jacquez Prince and Iverson Lane combined for nine points in the fourth quarter to lead the Tigers, but Kinston's Aden Wallace poured in 10 points in the quarter and teammates Jeb Crosby and Reese Hall both hit big three-pointers as the Bulldogs held on to claim the 61-52 win.

Kinston, which connected on 22 of 32 free-throws, was led in scoring by Ayden Wallace with 23 points and Reese Hall with 14. Elba, which connected

on only 6 of 18 free-throws, was led by Jacquez Prince with 12 points.

Kinston (61): Senn 1, Patterson 7, Hall 14, Sumblin 6, Wallace 23, Crosby 6, Matthews 2, Tew 2.

Elba (52): Hill 5, Lane 7, Burks 2, Harrison 8, Prince 12, Thomas 3, Coleman 2, Wilson 6, Marek 7.

Houston Ac 84 Elba 34

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and were never able to keep pace in a lopsided 84-34 loss to the Houston Academy Raiders, Thursday night in Dothan.

The Tigers fell behind 7-0 early in the game and watched as the Raiders opened up a 17-3 advantage with 2:49 left in the opening stanza. The Houston Academy lead grew to 30-11 early in the second quarter and continued to grow throughout the game as the Tigers were never able to get anything going on either end of the court and suffered the fifty-point loss.

Collin Harrison scored 9 points and JT Coleman added 7 to lead Elba, while Kady Mitchell scored 21 points and Kamryn Mitchell added 12 to lead Houston Academy.

H.A. (84): K. Mitchell 12, Kad. Mitchell 21, Smith 6, Campbell 11, Jones 11, Strickland 9, Thompson 9, Phillips 1, Yonnis 4.

Elba (34): Hill 1, Lane 4, Harrison 9, Prince 2, Coleman 7, Peterson 5, Marek 6.

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VARSITY BOYS:

Gamecocks caged by Raiders 67-54

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a second half rally fall short in a 67-54 loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Dillon Kelty scored 20 points and Damarion Holt added 15 to lead the Gamecocks, while Sean Thomas Jones led the Raiders with 20 points.

Kinston Bulldogs fall to Bobcats 65-51

The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a 65-51 decision to the Opp Bobcats. Reece Hall scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Erik Matthews led the Bobcats with 24 points.

Brockton pounded by Panthers 74-35

The New Brockton Gamecocks suffered a lopsided 74-35 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Dalton Taggart scored 30 points and connected on eight three-pointers to lead the Panthers, while Clay Morrison added 15 points.

Brantley Bulldogs zap Zion 79-52

The Brantley Bulldogs tipped off the season with a big 79-52 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Kenuwyn Dixon scored 22 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Kedrick Brown added 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Tucker Kilcrease added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Gamecocks ambushed by Long 61-32

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their early-season struggles with a 61-32 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Matthew Smith scored 10 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Avery Roberts scored 19 points and Hunter Whitehead added 12 to lead the Rebels.

Rebels rally past Kinston 40-35

The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied from a 19-5 halftime deficit to shock the Kinston Bulldogs 40-35. Bryce Watson scored 11 points and Zay Adair added 9 points to lead the Rebels, while Cale Sumblin scored 11 points and Reece Hall added 8 for the Bulldogs.

New Brockton slams Samson 100-44

The New Brockton Gamecocks gave their fans plenty to cheer about in a wild 100-44 win over the Samson Tigers. The Gamecocks pulled out to a 52-17 halftime advantage and never looked back to claim the win. Dillon Kelty scored 25 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Damarion Holt and Brandon Johnson both added 22 points, and Matthew Smith scored 17. Jacob Branch and Coy Ingram both scored 11 points for the Tigers.

Brantley wins own tournament

The Brantley Bulldogs battled to a 56-47 win over the Ariton Purple Cats to win the Brantley Holiday Tournament. Kenuwyn Dixon scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Taye Person added 13 points and 6 rebounds, Khaliq Smith added 10 points and Kedrick Brown pulled down 12 rebounds.

VARSITY GIRLS:

Lady Bulldogs coast past Opp 55-30

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs coasted to an easy 55-30 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Addison Musgrove scored 14 points and Rena Caldwell added 13 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Vanessa Stoudemire scored 12 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead the Lady Bobcats.

Brantley sneaks past Squadron 45-43

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs sneaked past the Highland Home Lady Squadron 45-43, at the Brantley Holiday Tournament. Gabby Perkins scored 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while kayden Dunn added 16 points and 10 rebounds and Yasmine Upshaw added 9 points.

JV BOYS:

Kinston Bulldogs caged in Opp 44-40

The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a hard fought 44-40 decision to the Opp Bobcats. Michael Thompson scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jakellus Lane scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Bobcats.

Gamecocks fall to G.W. Long 66-14

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 66-14 loss to G.W. Long. The Rebels, which hit 11 three-pointers in the game, were led in scoring by Bryson McCrea with 16 points.

New Brockton falls to Raiders 64-13

The New Brockton Gamecocks never had a chance in a 64-13 loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Jackson Lawson scored 6 points to lead the Gamecocks, while JT Pitchford scored 17 points and Harrison Swanner added 16 for the Raiders.

Brantley outscores Zion Chapel 62-46

The Brantley Bulldogs outscored the Zion Chapel Rebels 62-46 in a high-scoring contest. Dylan Davis scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Jayden Parks added 16 points.

New Brockton falls to Wicksburg 42-31

The New Brockton Gamecocks lost to the Wicksburg Panthers 42-31. Jaylen Murry scored 10 points and Gabe Glover added 9 points to lead the Panthers.

Zion Chapel knocks off Kinston 33-21

The Zion Chapel Rebels posted an impressive 33-21 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Layton Grantham scored 10 points and Mason Stuart added 7 for the Rebels, while Cole Copeland led the Bulldogs with 6 points.



New Brockton Gamecock Bradon Johnson (2) fires one up from behind the arc in recent high school action. (Photo by Brandon 'Speedy' White)



Elba Tiger Jacquez Prince (4) drives to the basket for an easy two-pointere in opening week action. (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

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January 1, 2021 and delinquent February 1, 2021

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City of Elba, AL Sally Bane, City Clerk

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